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BATTLE
FOR THE MASTER
EMERALD



Welcome to the Sonic Comic Universe—a world unique & beyond what you know from the SEGA games!
Where Knuckles and Amy struggle against the evil of Walter Naugus to regain the Master Emerald!

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KNUCKLES
MASTER EMERALD
GUARDIAN



AMY ROSE
UPBEAT HEROINE



TEAM DARK
SHADOW, ROUGE
& E-123 OMEGA



WALTER NAUGUS
TROLL WIZARD

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THE STORY SO FAR...

DECEPTION

Knuckles and Amy have been hunting down the pieces of the shattered Master Emerald. Their search led them to link up with Team Dark and into conflict with the evil wizard Walter Naugus.



Through trickery and deceit, Walter managed to gather up all of the shards and restore the Master Emerald—as well as his lost powers.

Just as the heroes rush to stop him, Walter used the Master Emerald to further boost his regained magic and seal them all in crystal...



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OF THE
MASTER
EMERALD

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HAMMER-
WIELDING
HEROINE

HHHAHAHA!

SO
MUCH POWER!
AND IT'S MINE!
ALL MINE!

WALTER
NAUGUS
TROLL
WIZARD

SHADOW
ULTIMATE
LIFEFORM

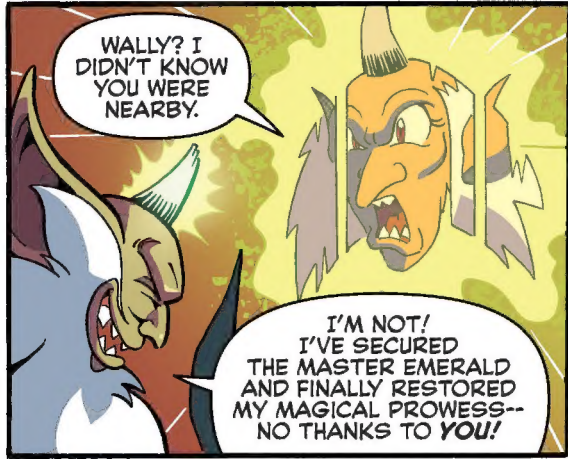
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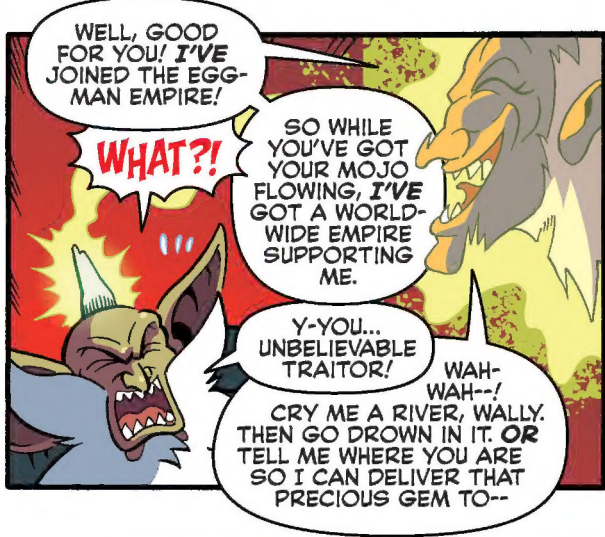
THE ONLY THING MORE SWEET THAN TOTAL VICTORY IS **GLOATING** ABOUT IT!

Oh, WENDY? DEAR SISTER, CAN YOU HEAR ME?



WALLY? I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE NEARBY.

I'M NOT! I'VE SECURED THE MASTER EMERALD AND FINALLY RESTORED MY MAGICAL PROWESS-- NO THANKS TO YOU!



WELL, GOOD FOR YOU! I'VE JOINED THE EGG-MAN EMPIRE!

WHAT?!

SO WHILE YOU'VE GOT YOUR MOJO FLOWING, I'VE GOT A WORLD-WIDE EMPIRE SUPPORTING ME.

Y-YOU... UNBELIEVABLE TRAITOR!

WAH-WAH--!

CRY ME A RIVER, WALLY. THEN GO DROWN IN IT. OR TELL ME WHERE YOU ARE SO I CAN DELIVER THAT PRECIOUS GEM TO--



NO...I WON'T LET HER SPOIL THIS FOR ME. I'VE WON. AFTER A WELL-DESERVED REST, I'LL DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH ALL OF YOU.


IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE GOING ANYWHERE!

HAHAHAHAHAHA!!




IT'S BEEN AGES SINCE I'VE BEEN TO WESTSIDE ISLAND! HAVE YOU EVER BEEN? IT'S **GORGEOUS!** ONCE WE LAND, WE'LL GO IN BY FOOT AND SEE THE TERRAIN!

Mmm.



HEY! CHEER UP. WE CAUGHT A LUCKY BREAK WITH ALL THE SHARDS WINDING UP IN ROUGHLY THE SAME PLACE. WE'LL HAVE THE MASTER EMERALD RESTORED IN NO TIME!




IT'S NOT THAT. IT'S JUST... NEVER MIND.



IT'S OKAY. IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US. YOU CAN TELL ME ANYTHING.

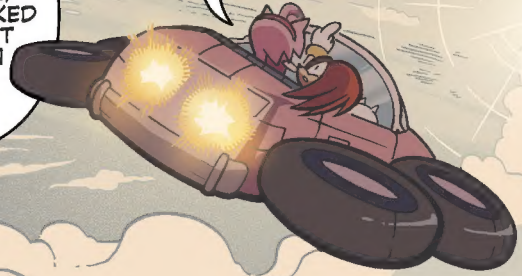
WHAT?



HOW MANY TIMES HAS IT BEEN STOLEN NOW? OR SHATTERED? IS SHADOW RIGHT, AND IT'D BE BETTER OFF IN A VAULT SOMEWHERE?



Pfft! WHAT'S TO TELL? I'M JUST THE GUARDIAN OF THE MASTER EMERALD WHO ISN'T CUT OUT FOR HIS JOB!



FORGET SHADOW. I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I KNOW-- YOU'RE A GOOD GUY. SURE, YOU'VE BEEN TRICKED AND ROBBED, BUT YOU'VE BEEN ON YOUR OWN FOR MOST OF YOUR LIFE.

YOU'VE BEEN BRAVE ENOUGH TO LIVE IN THE WILD, DOING A THANKLESS JOB, AND FULLY COMMITTING TO IT NO MATTER THE ODDS.

YOU'RE A SPECIAL KIND OF PERSON. A HERO, EVEN!



THANKS, AMY.

ANYTIME.



DON'T TELL SONIC ABOUT ANY OF THIS.

YOU DON'T WANT HIM TO KNOW YOU'VE GOT A SOFT SIDE?

I DON'T WANT TO DEAL WITH HIM TEASING ME.

HE ONLY TEASES HIS FRIENDS. IT SHOWS HE CARES.

I DON'T CARE IF HE CARES...AND HE TEASES EGGMAN.

NO, HE **MOCKS** EGGMAN. THERE'S A DIFFERENCE.

AND HE NEVER GIVES UP. THAT'S WHAT I FIND SO INSPIRING ABOUT PEOPLE LIKE YOU TWO. NO MATTER WHAT, YOU KEEP FIGHTING.

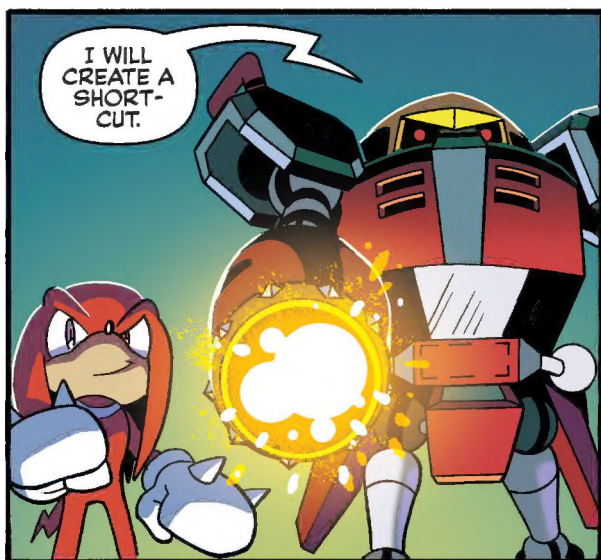
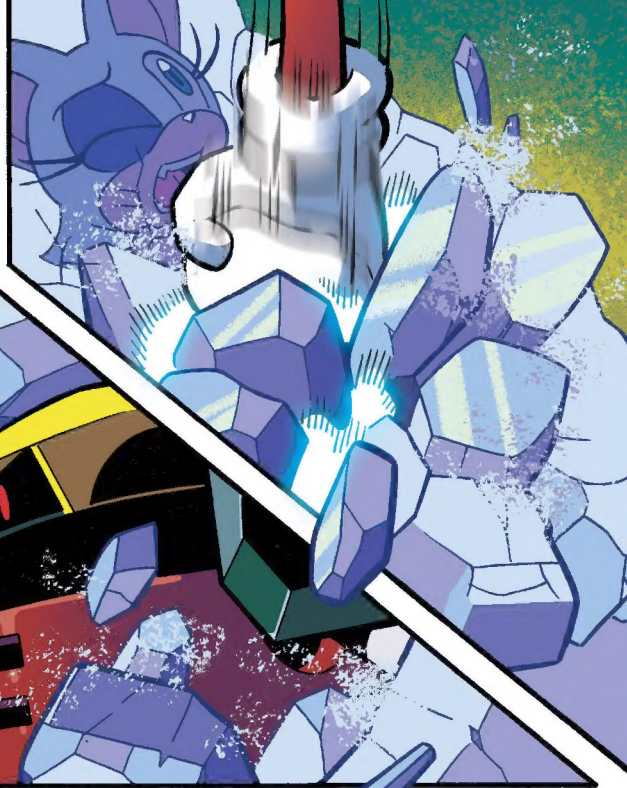


YOU KEEP FIGHTING...



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HRK!
GRPH!
MMPH!

Whew!€
ONCE I HAVE
YOU ALL IN MY LAIR,
I'LL BEND YOUR
WILLS TO MY OWN.
WHAT A VANGUARD
THE FIVE OF YOU
WILL MAKE!



SONIC WON'T
DARE CHALLENGE
ME WITH YOU
STANDING IN HIS
WAY, MY PRETTY
LITTLE--

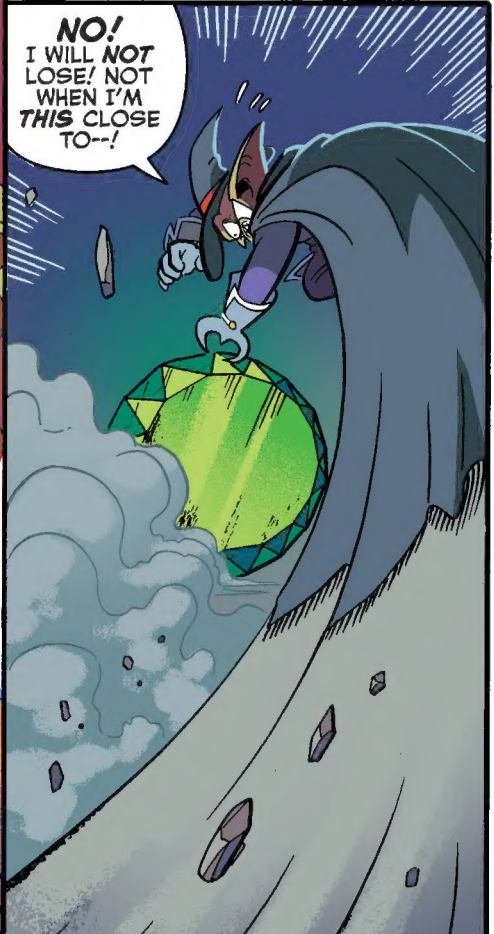


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...WHAT
IS...?



BRRRRM



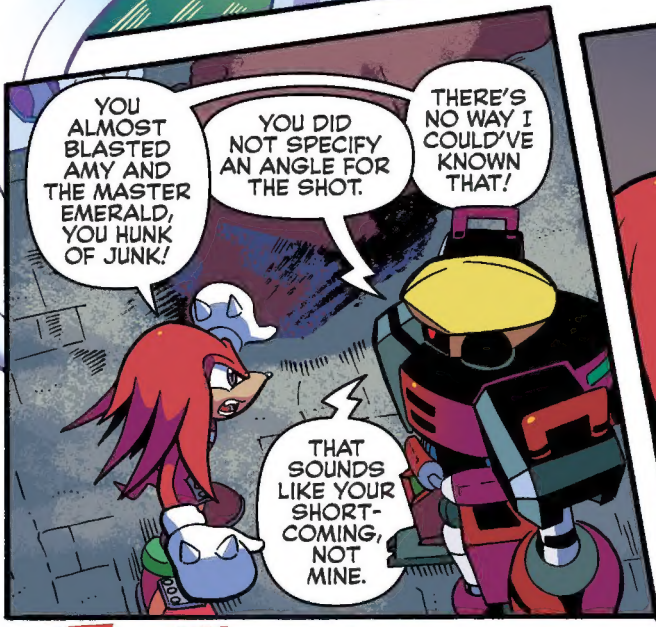
NO!
I WILL NOT
LOSE! NOT
WHEN I'M
THIS CLOSE
TO--!



YOU'VE ALREADY LOST.

OK

KRAK



YOU ALMOST BLASTED AMY AND THE MASTER EMERALD, YOU HUNK OF JUNK!

YOU DID NOT SPECIFY AN ANGLE FOR THE SHOT.

THERE'S NO WAY I COULD'VE KNOWN THAT!

THAT SOUNDS LIKE YOUR SHORT-COMING, NOT MINE.



FORGET IT.



SMASH



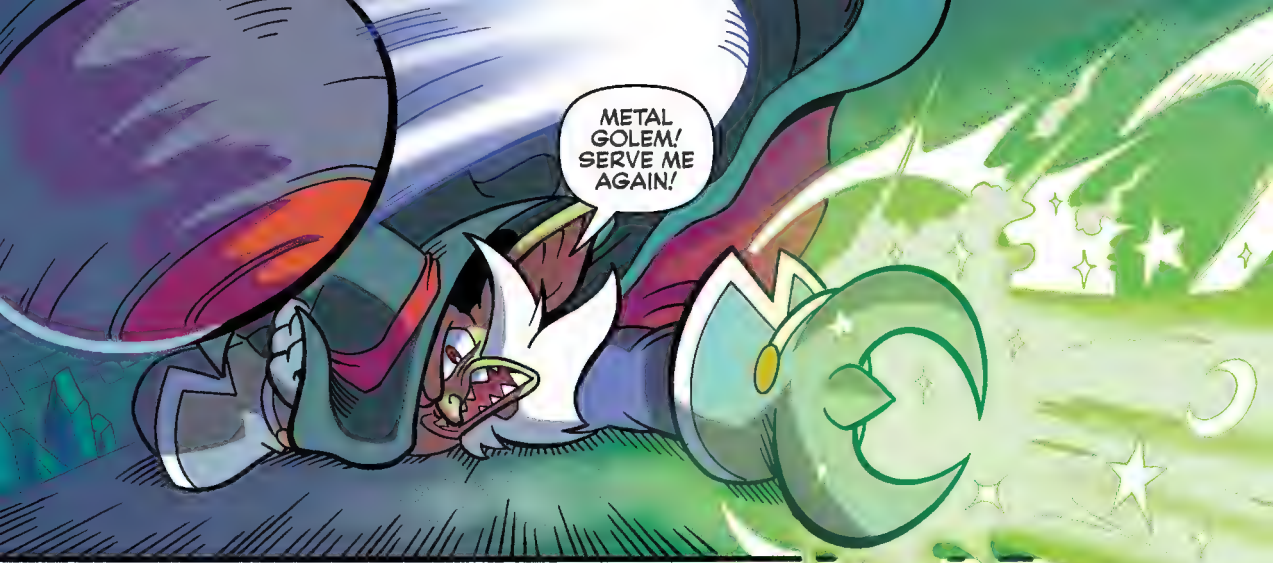
EASY DOES IT.

Urgh... THANKS, KNUX.

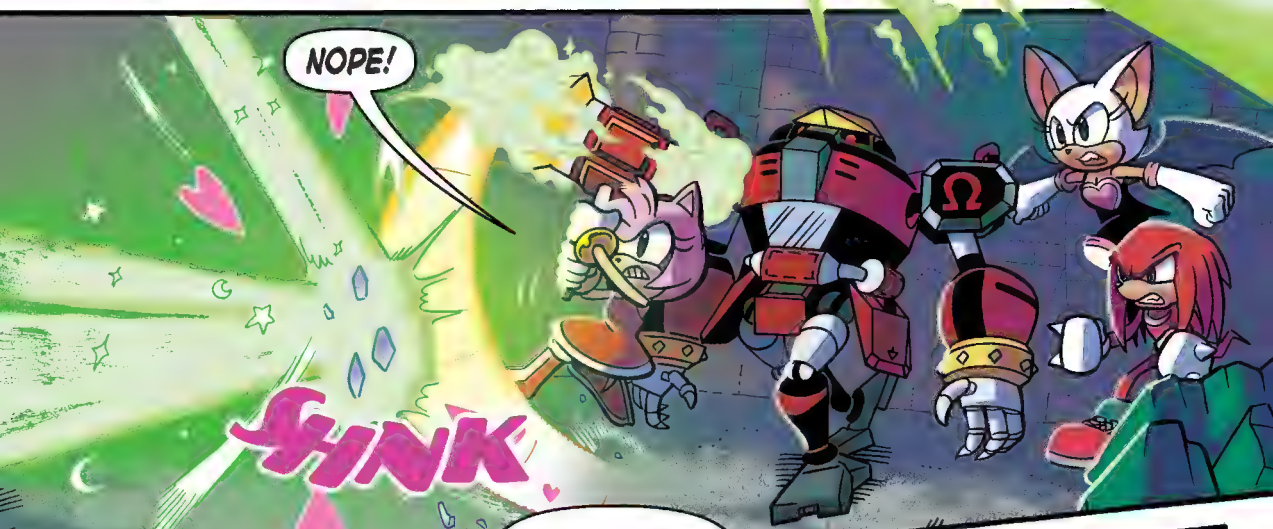
NO. THANK YOU.

WHAT?

I'LL EXPLAIN LATER.



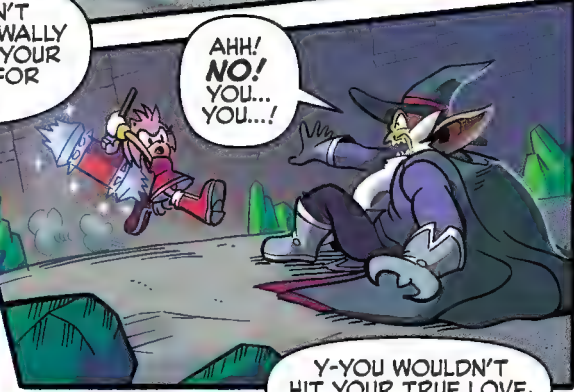
METAL GOLEM!
SERVE ME AGAIN!



NOPE!

SHINK

WELL, ISN'T THAT NICE?
WALLY UPGRADED YOUR HAMMER FOR YOU.



AHH!
NO!
YOU... YOU...!

Y-YOU WOULDN'T HIT YOUR TRUE LOVE, WOULD YOU?



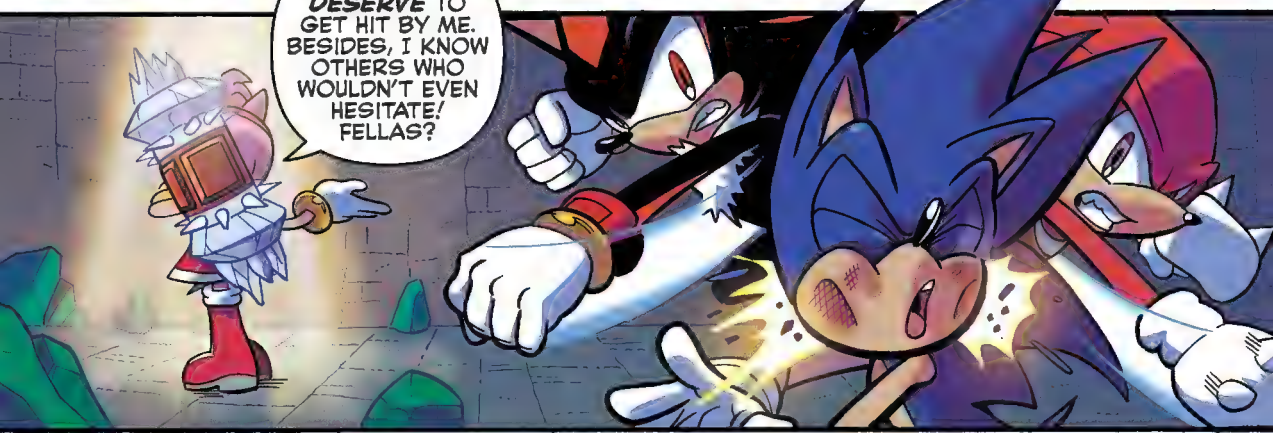
TRY TO KIDNAP ME,
Huh...?





Oh, THAT IS LOW, AND INSULTING! YOU THINK I WON'T CLOBBER YOU JUST BECAUSE YOU LOOK LIKE SONIC?

YOU DON'T DESERVE TO GET HIT BY ME. BESIDES, I KNOW OTHERS WHO WOULDN'T EVEN HESITATE! FELLAS?



LOGIC ERROR. ENEMY TARGET PREVIOUSLY IMMOBILIZED US ALL WITH ONE SHOT. WHY IS HE NOT DOING SO NOW?

WE'RE KEEPING HIM AWAY FROM THE MASTER EMERALD. HE'S GOT SOME POWER ON HIS OWN, BUT WE'VE TAKEN AWAY HIS TRUMP CARD.



WITH THAT IN MIND...
KNUCKLES! TAG OUT!

I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF SOMETHING!



I SAVED YOU ALL! I SHOULD GET DIBS!

Oh, SO I CAN HAVE THE MASTER EMERALD FOR MYSELF THEN? OR ARE YOU TWO GOING TO TAKE IT BACK TO ANGEL ISLAND?

SINCE--Y'KNOW--IT'LL KEEP WALLY FROM OVERWHELMING US AGAIN.

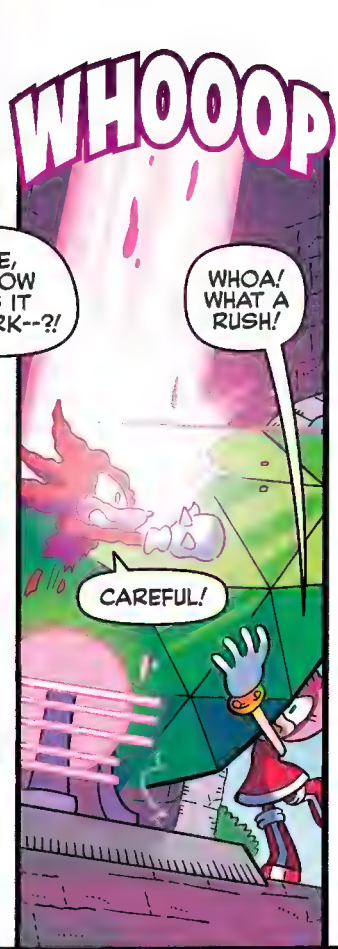
OKAY! BUT... HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET IT OUT OF HERE?



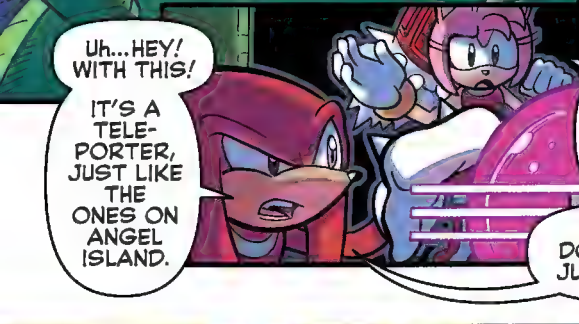
REE-REE-REE-
WHOOOP

SURE, BUT HOW DOES IT WOORK--?!

WHOA! WHAT A RUSH!



CAREFUL!

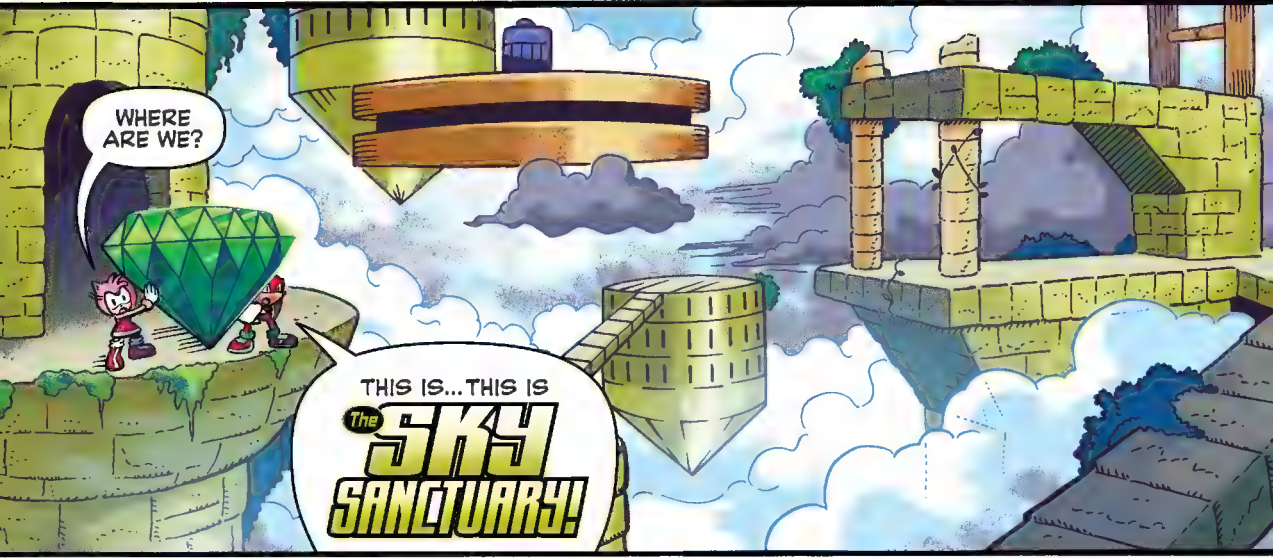


Uh...HEY! WITH THIS!

IT'S A TELE-PORTER, JUST LIKE THE ONES ON ANGEL ISLAND.

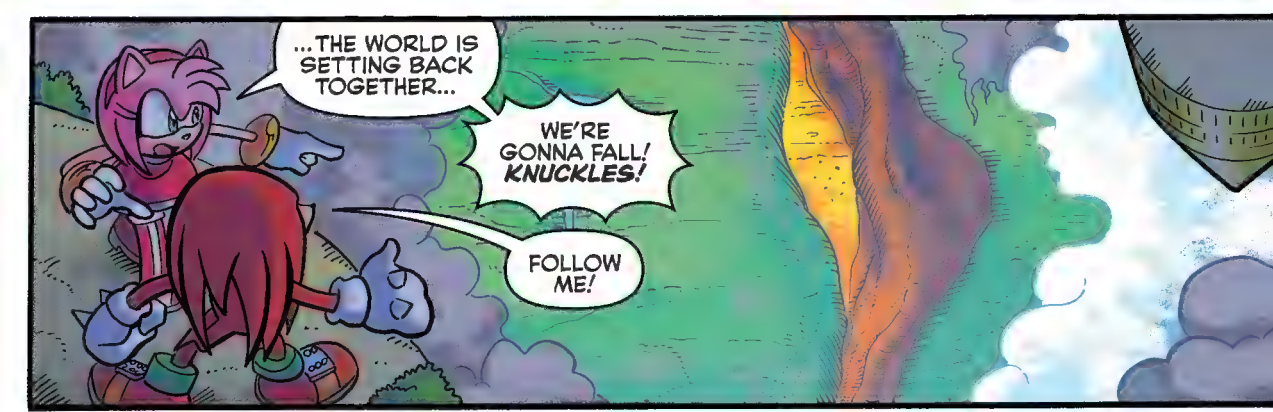
DOWN HERE? HOW DOES THAT MAKE ANY SENSE?

RIGHT NOW I DON'T CARE. LET'S JUST GET MOVING!



WHERE ARE WE?

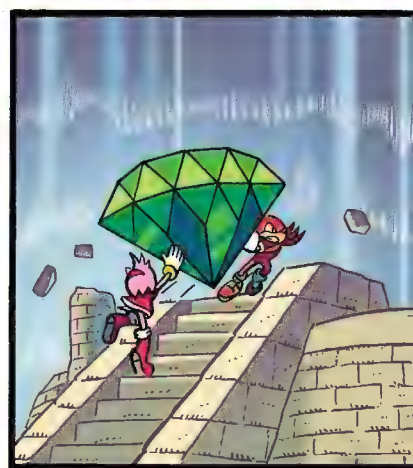
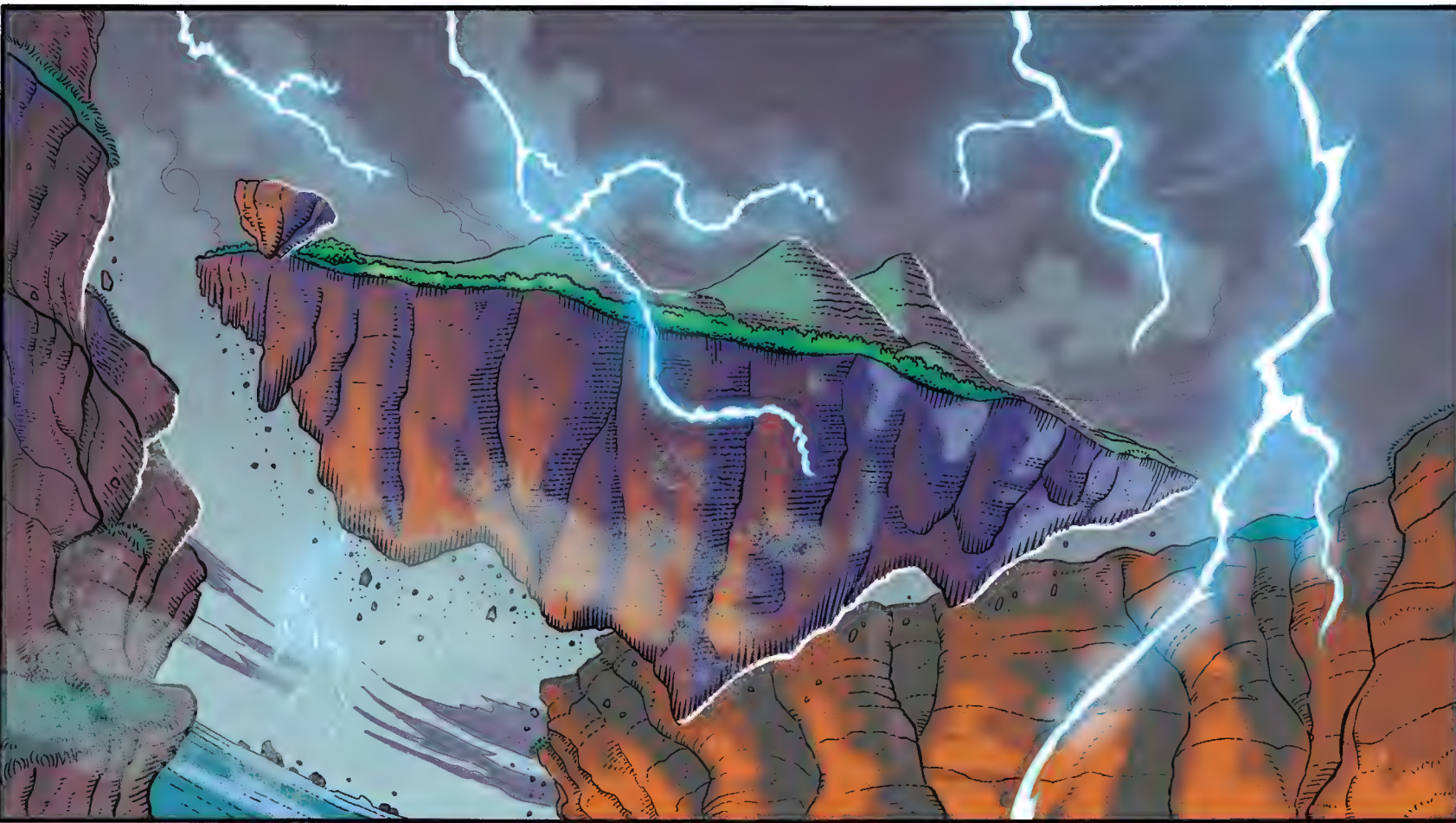
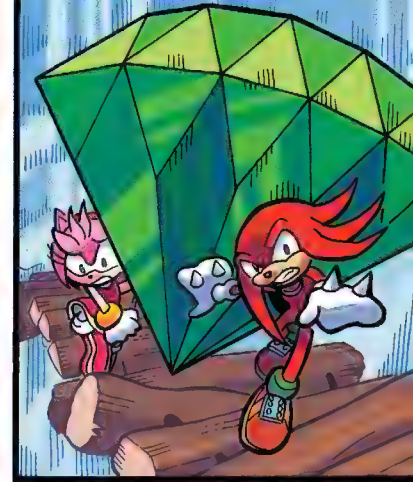
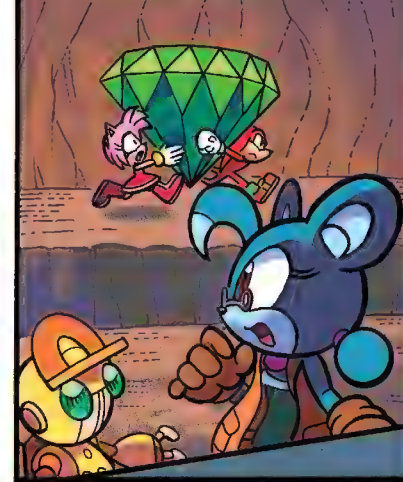
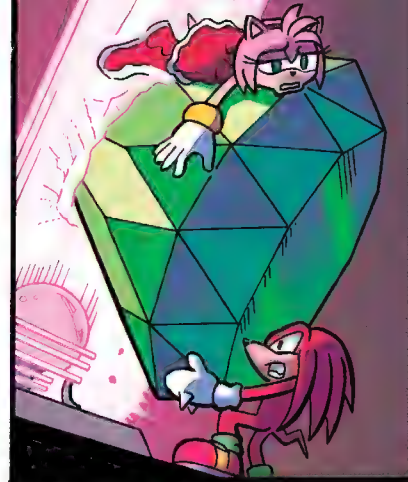
THIS IS...THIS IS **The SKY SANCTUARY!**



...THE WORLD IS SETTING BACK TOGETHER...

WE'RE GONNA FALL! KNUCKLES!

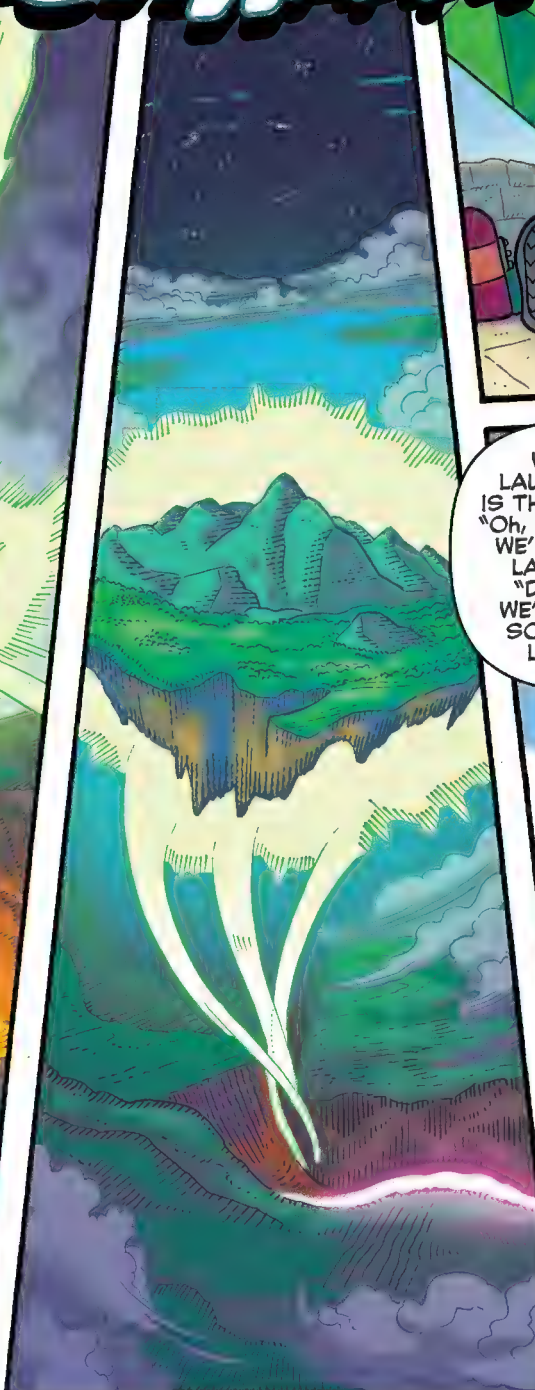
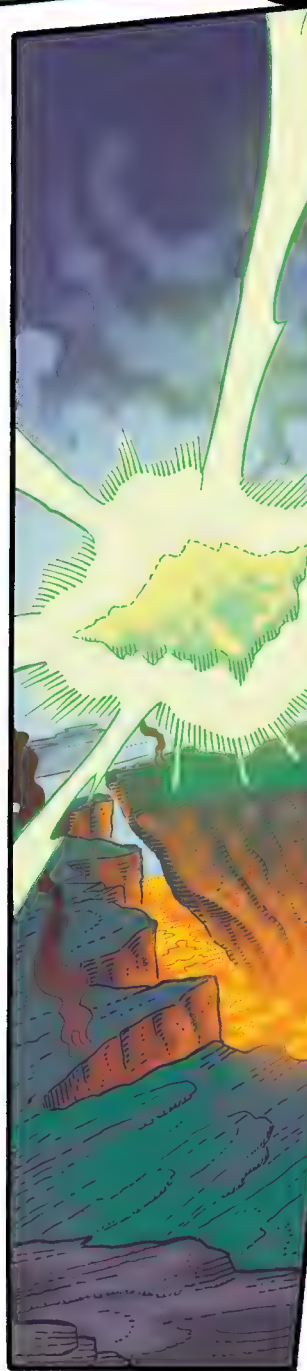
FOLLOW ME!





SCHWAAAAH!

**HAHAHA
HAHAHAHA!!**



WE...WE'RE
LAUGHING NOW?
IS THAT CATHARTIC
"OH, WHAT A RELIEF,
WE'RE ALL SAFE"
LAUGHTER OR
"DASH IT ALL,
WE'RE DOOMED,
SO WHY NOT?"
LAUGHTER?







HEY, THANKS.

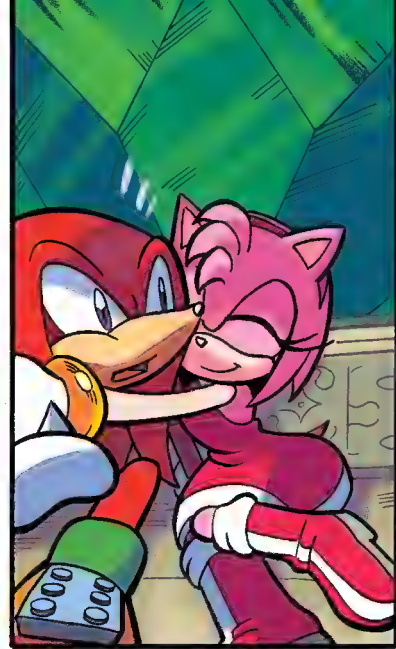
I'M HAPPY I COULD HELP.

NO, I MEAN FOR... EVERYTHING. FOR BELIEVING IN... Y'KNOW...

HEY, I HAD MY MOMENTS OF DOUBT TOO.



YEAH, WELL, IT DIDN'T STOP YOU.



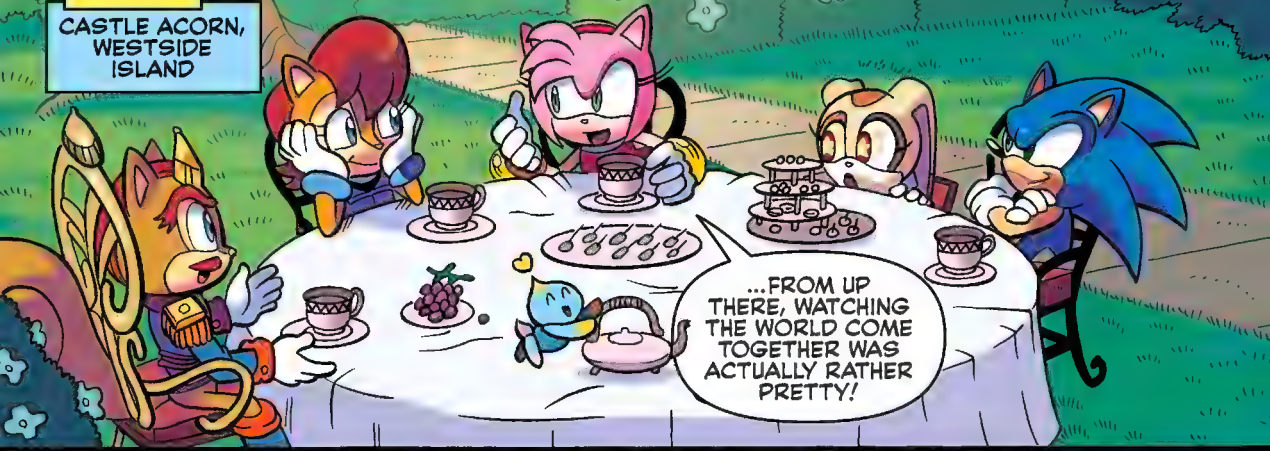
I'M GLAD YOU HAD SUCH A PRODUCTIVE HOLIDAY. WELCOME HOME.

THANKS, RELIC. IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK UP HERE--WHERE I BELONG.



AND SO...

CASTLE ACORN,
WESTSIDE
ISLAND



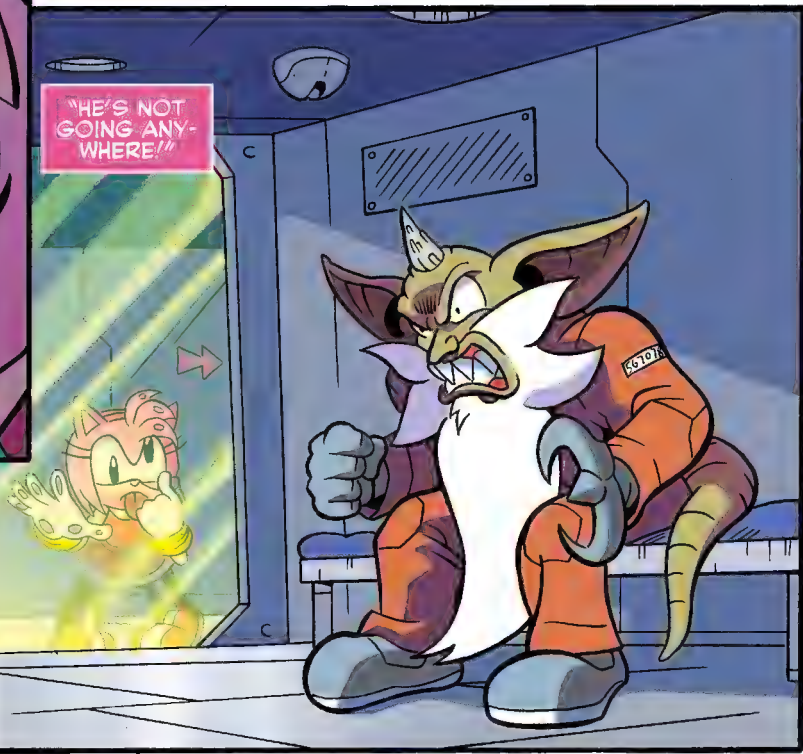
...FROM UP
THERE, WATCHING
THE WORLD COME
TOGETHER WAS
ACTUALLY RATHER
PRETTY!

DID YOU HAPPEN TO SEE THAT
DASTARD, NAUGUS, ON
YOUR WAY HOME?

AS YOUR OFFICIAL
ROYAL LIAISON, I
ASKED TO SEE HIM
FOR MYSELF.



"HE'S NOT
GOING ANY-
WHERE!"



MY ONLY REGRET
IS THAT I DIDN'T
GET TO SAY
GOODBYE TO
CHIP.

I'M SURE HE'D
UNDERSTAND, AMY.
BUT STILL...I
MISS HIM.



HE'S THE LIGHT GAIA--SPIRIT OF THE WORLD.
HE'LL ALWAYS BE WITH US IN...WELL, SPIRIT.
SO NO MOPING, OKAY?



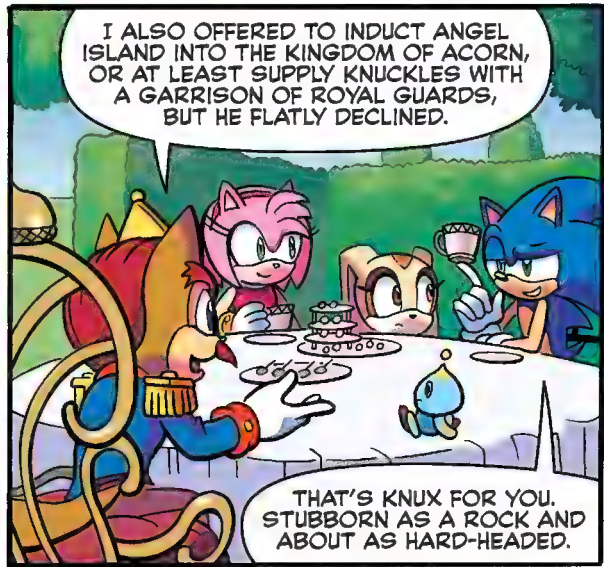


WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO THOSE HIDDEN CAVERNS NOW?

THEY'LL NEED TO BE PROPERLY SURVEYED, BUT UNTIL THEN THEY'RE UNDER CONSTANT WATCH BY THE ROYAL GUARD.



I HAD OFFERED TO REWARD TEAM DARK HAND-SOME FOR THEIR SERVICES TO THE REALM, BUT ROUGE SEEMED CONTENT WITH THE ONE SOUVENIR. SHADOW AND OMEGA SEEMED...LESS MATERIALISTICALLY INCLINED, SHALL WE SAY?



I ALSO OFFERED TO INDUCT ANGEL ISLAND INTO THE KINGDOM OF ACORN, OR AT LEAST SUPPLY KNUCKLES WITH A GARRISON OF ROYAL GUARDS, BUT HE FLATLY DECLINED.

THAT'S KNUX FOR YOU. STUBBORN AS A ROCK AND ABOUT AS HARD-HEADED.



YOU MAKE FUN OF HIM TOO MUCH.

NO, I TEASE.

THERE'S A DIFFERENCE!



HAHAHA!!



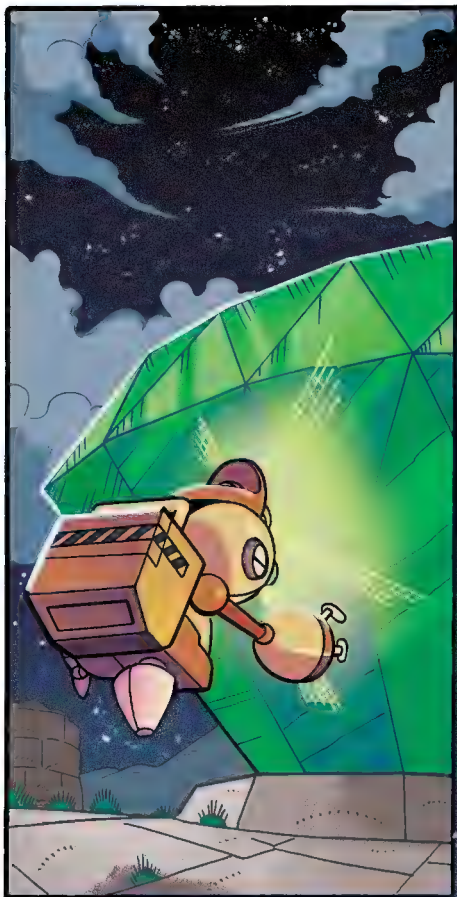
SAHEMÉ INDEED.

BY THE BY, ROUGE WASN'T THE ONLY ONE TO TAKE ONE OF THOSE MASSIVE GEMS FROM THE MINES...




HULLO, KNUCKLES. IS EVERYTHING ALL SET, THEN?

I DUNNO. YOU TELL ME.




I HAVEN'T THE FOGGIEST. FIXIT?

I'M SORRY, MADAM, BUT I CANNOT DETERMINE IF IT IS REAL OR NOT. THE MASTER EMERALD'S POWER IS ALL OVER THE ISLAND.



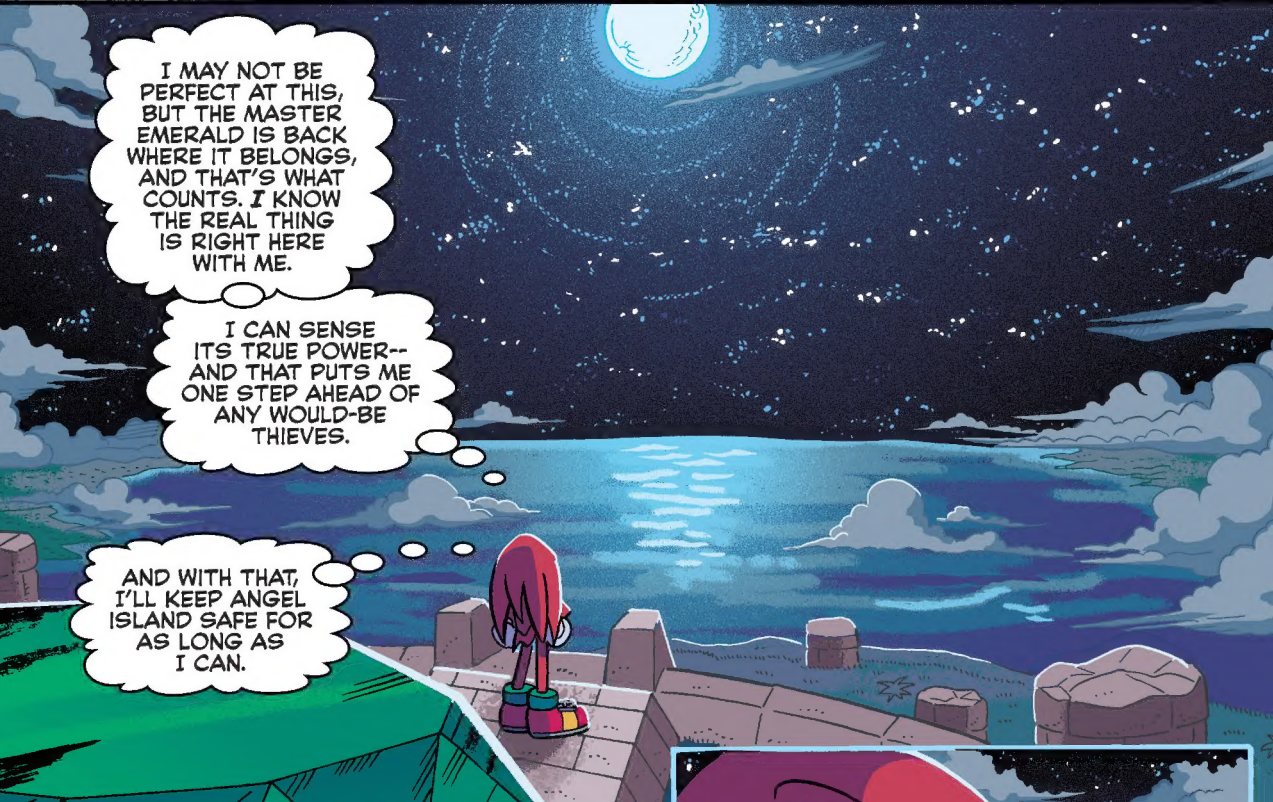
EXACTLY. ANYONE ELSE LOOKING FOR IT WILL HAVE JUST AS HARD A TIME. AND I'M NOT TELLING WHICH ONE I'VE GOT OUT HERE!



VERY CLEVER! WELL, I'M STILL A BIT WORN, WHAT WITH NEARLY FALLING TO MY DOOM AND ALL. I'M CALLING IT A NIGHT. YOU SHOULD TOO, NO?

CHEERIO.

SLEEP WELL.



I MAY NOT BE PERFECT AT THIS, BUT THE MASTER EMERALD IS BACK WHERE IT BELONGS, AND THAT'S WHAT COUNTS. I KNOW THE REAL THING IS RIGHT HERE WITH ME.

I CAN SENSE ITS TRUE POWER-- AND THAT PUTS ME ONE STEP AHEAD OF ANY WOULD-BE THIEVES.

AND WITH THAT, I'LL KEEP ANGEL SAFE FOR AS LONG AS I CAN.

THE **Shattered World Crisis** IS OVER!
IT'S THE DAWN OF A NEW TOMORROW--
AND WITH IT COME BRAND NEW ADVENTURES!
COME BACK NEXT TIME AS THE **CHAOTIX**
TAKE ON THEIR NEXT MISSION:
"The Case of the Pirate Princess!"

AND DON'T MISS OUT ON EVEN MORE ACTION IN
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, THE SONIC SUPER DIGEST
AND THE GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!



Letter from the EDITOR & KNUCKLES

Editorial commentary with lock-on technology!

BOY, TALK ABOUT CUTTING IT CLOSE...

What's up, Sonic fans? Angel Island is! Get it? Because it's... floating.... again... *AHEM!* With the Master Emerald back in its rightful place things can finally go back to normal for ol' Knux. Though I wonder where that other gem could be hidden...

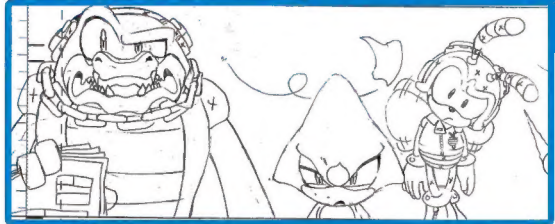
Ah well, that's a mystery for another time! Speaking of mysteries, our next story arc, "Case of the Pirate Princess" will feature Team Chaotix on the search for, you guessed it, a missing princess!



Both Aleah Baker and Ian Flynn will be lending their talents on this one, and I can guarantee this is gonna be fun!

Adieu, friends!

- Vincent "Vin" Lovallo
Editor



Special preview of Adam Bryce Thomas' pencils for *Sonic Universe* #91!
What are they reacting to???



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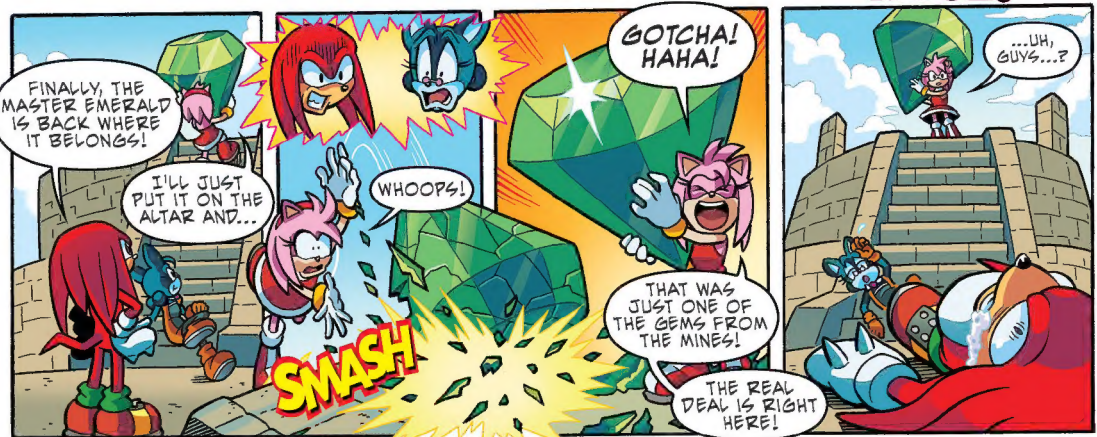


OFF PANEL

TIME TO ROCK & ROLL--OH NO!

OR

THAT RASCALLY ROSE!



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